

Project Title Community Action of Greene County IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$20,000

Nonfederal Support \$20,000

**Project Period** September 2001 – September 2006

**Highlights** Community Action of Greene County, Inc. is opening

IDAs for homeownership, post-secondary education, and microenterprise. The homeownership match is \$3 to \$1. For post-secondary education and microenterprise IDAs, the match is \$1 to \$1. The program will match up to \$1,500 in participant savings over 48 months. In addition to core training, services include transportation and crisis

management.

**Target Population** Greene County, New York

**Grantee/Collaborative Description** Community Action of Greene County, Inc. is a

Community Action Agency founded in 1968, with experience conducting an array of such human service services as workforce development. The Bank of Greene County is holding the project reserve fund as well as IDA accounts of participants. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Columbia-Greene County Community College, and Catskill Mountain Housing Development Corporation are among the members of a consortium that oversees this

project.